GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ADMISSION IN MEDICAL/DENTAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Students Federation of India (SFI) protest denial of admission in medical or dental colleges of Jammu and Kashmir appearing in the Hindu dated June, 25, 2001;

(b) whether Union Government have ordered the cancellation of admission of as many as 67 Kashmiri medical students in various medical and dental colleges of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for giving immediate justice for the Kashmiri students?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : Government is aware of the news item published in Hindu dated 25.6.2001.

(b) to (d) : The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir through their communications in May, August and October, 2000, requested the Central Govt. seeking adjustment of 53 students of MBBS and 14 BDS students of the erstwhile PRIME medical college whicl had not been provided by Government in the existing 3 medical and 1 dental colleges in the State in excess of the approved capacity. The proposal of the State Govt. was examined in the Department of Health and a scheme was communicated to the State Government on the 8th December, 2000 adjusting students of the erstwhile PRIME medical college in the Govt. medical colleges of the State by suitably neutralising the admissions by reducing the intake capacity of the Government colleges over a period of time. By accepting the scheme, the State Government had issued necessary orders on 20th Dec., 2000, for adjusting the erstwhile students of PRIME medical college.A letter was, however, received on 2nd Feb., 2001 from the State Government seeking cancellation of the scheme. The Department of Health has acceded to the request of the State Government and the scheme offered for adjustment of students was withdrawn on 28th Feb., 2001.